

Media Information



Columbus Division of Police
Major Crimes Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 07/12/2020

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Ext:

Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 07/11/2020

Time: 2:24am

Location of Offense/Incident: School St. & Spruce St.

Zone: 5

Precinct: 16

Incident Report #: 200509030

Cruiser District: 164

Victim: Dariene Smith

Sex: Female

Race: Black

Age: 23

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Unknown

Address:

Arrested Warrant on File

Sex: Male

Race: Black

Age:

Charges:

Suspect:

Address:

Arrested Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

Incident Summary: On July 11, 2020, at 2:24 a.m., officers responded to a shooting at School St. and Spruce St. No victims were found at the scene when officers arrived, but officers were notified by dispatch that two (2) victims had self transported to Ohio Health Rehabilitation Hospital with gunshot wounds. Both victims suffered from gunshot wounds and had been in the area of School St. and Spruce St. when they were shot. Victim #1 was unable to communicate with officers due to the extent of her injury. Victim #2 stated he was outside when a fight broke out between two males and one of the males brandished a handgun and started shooting at the other male. Victim #2 stated he started running with victim #1 when he was struck in his testicle and victim #1 was struck in the back. Victim #2 stated that he could not identify the suspect. Victim #1 and victim #2 were transported to OSU Hospital. A third victim showed up at Grant Hospital with a gunshot wound to his right hand. Victim #3 stated he was also in the area of School St. & Spruce St. when he was shot. Victim #3 had no additional information.

***UPDATE - Victim # 1, Dariene Smith, succumbed to her injury and was pronounced deceased by the attending physician at 9:28AM on 7/11/2020. This was the 65th Homicide in 2020**

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Columbus Police Homicide Detective Karnes #2005 at 614-645-4730 or central Ohio Crime Stoppers at 614-461-TIPS(8477).

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